

## GROUND TRANSPORTATION

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### **Parking Placards:**

Visitors who have accessible parking placards from their respective states should bring them to Kauai. It is not possible to get an accessible parking placard once you are here. Bring your placard! Parking Placards are honored anywhere in the nation.

### **Public Transportation:**

It costs \$1.50 to ride The Kauai Bus from point to point. It is important for people who use motorized wheelchairs to talk to The Bus before making flight arrangements. Buses do not run on Sundays for example. All buses are lift equipped on Kauai. Para transit is available within 24 hours of notice M-F. Call or email to make bus arrangements prior to arriving on Kauai. Luggage is not allowed on the bus so it can take some arranging with other folks in your party. For bus schedule information call: 808-241-6410. Facsimile: 808-241-6417. E-mail: [ThekauaiBus@kauai.gov](mailto:ThekauaiBus@kauai.gov)

### **Van Rentals:**

Hawaii Center for Independent Living - Kauai: 808-245-4034, the lift-equipped van rental is only available with a HCIL driver. Lift-equipped van rentals (must take driver): \$50/hour per person or \$100/hour per person up to 4 hours, or \$180/hour per person a full day up to 8 hours. **Currently not available .**

### **Equipment Rental:**

On Kauai there are **no** car rental agencies which have lift-equipped vehicles. Gammie Home Care (808-632-2333) ([gammie.com](http://gammie.com)) rents portable ramps. Some people rent a van from a car rental agency and use a portable ramp to access the back seat. In some vans the entire middle seat can be removed to accommodate people who use motorized wheelchairs. Ask if an entire seat can be removed when you are talking with the car rental agencies. It isn't the safest solution but it has worked for some people.

### **Portable Ramps:**

Some people choose not to send their expensive wheelchairs through the airlines and opt to rent a wheelchair once they get to Kauai. For rental of wheelchairs, including Landeez chairs and portable ramps, other equipment, and helpful island advice, call Clyde Silva at Gammie Home Care (808-632-2333 [www.gammie.com](http://www.gammie.com)).

Gammie Home Care: For rental of equipment, including a Landeez chair, and helpful island advice call Clyde at Gammie Home Care (Lihue, 632-2333 or 888-540-4032 [gammie.com](http://gammie.com))

## **RECREATION**

### **Accessible Beach Parks:**

Kauai County provides Landeez all-terrain wheelchairs at three beach parks on the island. Beachgoers wanting to use the all-terrain beach chairs can go to the lifeguard stations and ask the Lifeguard at Poipu Beach Park, Lydgate Beach Park and Salt Pond Beach Park. The Landeez chair is able to go over sand right into the water's edge. The above mentioned parks have accessible parking, pathways, pavilions, restrooms, and showers. Visitors and residents need to ask the lifeguards for usage of the beach chair and will need to provide their own assistance getting in and out of the chair and going to different areas in the park. The beach chairs can not be taken out of the park. For more information about the all-terrain beach chairs a person can call Kauai Recreation Agency at 808-241-4467.

Lydgate Beach Park has a beautiful bridge named, "Kamalani Bridge". Kamalani Bridge over looks the east side coastline and it is accessible to people who use wheelchairs. Eventually there will be camping available at Lydgate Beach Park with accessible camp sites available for people with disability identification, such as a parking placard. For camping reservations you can call the Parks Permit Clerk in the Recreation Agency: 808-241-4463.

**Accessible County Boat Harbors:** Kukuiula Boat Harbor (south shore - before Spouting Horn) has accessible parking, restrooms, and a pavilion for picnicking with great surrounding views of ocean activities.

**State Boat Harbors include:** Port Allan Boat Harbor (Eleele - going west), Nawiliwili Boat Harbor / Coastguard (Lihue - east)

### **ACTIVITIES**

Some companies make a special effort to provide access: Greg Winston at Water-sports Adventures 808-821-1599.

Chuck Blay of Kauai Nature Tours: 888-233-8365, and Debra Hookano at Liko Kauai Cruises 808-338-0333.

It is best to call activity centers prior to your visit and ask them if they can accommodate your specific needs.

### **TOURS**

Access Aloha Travel statewide tours: 808-545-1143 (mainland toll free 1-800-480-1143)

Roberts Hawaii: directed tours statewide 808-245-9101

Polynesian Adventures: directed tours statewide 246-0122 (mainland toll free 1-800-622-3011)

<http://www.accessiblehawaii.org> - makes arrangements for accessible lift equipped vans on Neighbor Islands when it's possible to do so.

### **DINING**

Restaurants should be accessible but Kauai has several restaurants located on a second floor and some restaurants which have poor access to their entrances because of high door wells and old construction. Call restaurants before going and ask specific questions to make sure you can get in! Restaurants in hotels on Kauai seem to have the greatest access.

### **LODGING**

#### **Bed & Breakfast:**

Bed and Breakfast Hawaii: 800-733-1632

Bed and Breakfast Kauai: 800-822-1176

Victoria's Place: 808-332-9300

#### **Hotels:**

Hotels are required to be accessible under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). People with disabilities should make clear what types of supports they will need (Facility access: accessible parking, ground floor unit, railings in bath tub, shower chair, etc., Communication access - TTY machine, computer, etc.), Hotels are required to provide such accommodations. Contact individual properties and ask them if they are accessible, ask specific questions about the access supports you personally need. In Poipu try this web site: <http://www.poipu-beach.org>

#### **South shore Resorts:**

Kiahuna Plantation Resort 808-742-2200

Embassy Vacation Resort, Poipu Point 808-742-1888

Nihi Kai Villas 808-742-1412

Poipu Kapili 808-742-8886

### **ASL INTERPRETER**

Susan Warren: 808-241-1386 (V)

Robert Revel, Home: 808-332-0830 (V), Work 808-241-3578 (V)

### **General Information regarding access**

A very good State resource is the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) 808-586-8121 (V/TTY). They co-produced the Aloha Guide to Accessibility which provides information about airports and ground transportation for the state of Hawaii.

Check the DCAB web site: <http://hawaii.gov/health/dcab/>

On the island Kauai some towns are more accessible than others for shopping and getting around. For information regarding access on Kauai call or e-mail the County ADA Coordinator's Office, Christina Pilkington: [mayorsada@kauai.gov](mailto:mayorsada@kauai.gov) or 808-241-6203 (V/TTY).

We welcome you to Kauai and hope Kauai will continue to provide more access for people of all ages and abilities. Please let us know what worked out well and what could be improved upon during your visit with us.

Mahalo nui!